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1. The Sales Department (Abteilung Absatz) in the East German Ministry for Health was established on 16 March 1953. Prior to this time the sales administration of medical and pharmaceutical supplies and equipment was handled by DHZ Pharmazie und Krankenhausbedarf (DHZ PuK) under the Ministry for Health. DHZ PuK continued to handle the sales of all veterinary products (medicaments and equipment) after 16 March 1953. For coordination DHZ had and still has a liaison official in the Sales Department of the Ministry. This official is Hilde Hoffmann, daughter of Colonel Robert Hoffmann, who is Chief of Motorized Transportation in the Ministry for Interior. In March 1953, there were three veterinary medical enterprises under the Ministry for Health:

VEB Serumwerk Dessau; VEB ATAROST Rostock (Allgemeine Tierarzneimittelfabrik Rostock); and VEB Gebeka, Weinboehla near Dresden.

2. In July 1953, VEB Serumwerk Dessau was separated from DHZ PuK and placed as a D-enterprise directly under the Ministry for Agriculture and Forestry. The other two plants were placed under the authority of the Bezirk Councils of their Bezirke as local industrial enterprises, while the Ministry for Health retained overall supervision of them. The transfer of VEB Serumwerk Dessau to the Ministry for Agriculture and Forestry, however, was not complete. The Ministry for Agriculture and Forestry obtained jurisdiction over the planning and financing of the enterprise, while at the same time the Ministry for Health retained authority over the plant's production quota, quality control and development work. This situation existed until 25 September 1953.

3. On 25 September 1953, the Ministry for Agriculture and Forestry took over in their entirety VEB Serumwerk Dessau and the two other enterprises. At the same time, plans were made for the final regulation of the affiliation of the three enterprises in the following way:

a. From 1 January 1954 on, ATAROST Rostock and Gebeka Weinboehla will be made D-enterprises under the authority of the Ministry for

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Agriculture and Forestry. From 25 September 1953 to 1 January 1954, they are to retain their present status as local industrial enterprises under Bezirk Council jurisdiction and the overall authority of the Ministry for Agriculture and Forestry.

b. From 1 January 1954 on, manufacture of human-medical products will be separated from VEB Serumwerk Dessau and transferred to other enterprises under the authority of the Ministry for Health. Thus, the Dessau enterprise will exclusively serve veterinary-medical production under the Ministry for Agriculture and Forestry. After the separation is completed, the Dessau factory is scheduled to cooperate closely with the Friedrich-Loeffler Institute on the Island of Riems. Production of general human-medical supplies now carried out in the Dessau enterprise will probably be transferred by the end of the year partly to VEB Serumwerk Weissensee and partly to Pharmazeutisches Werk Halle. Production of human sera is scheduled to be transferred by the end of the year entirely to VEB Serumwerk Weissensee. Production transfer to the latter enterprise, however, can only take place after the enterprise has found new premises, after being evacuated for the Russian administration as previously reported. 1/ At present there are tentative plans to **move, at least provisionally, the Weissensee enterprise to the premises of Pharmazeutisches Werk Pankow, Borkumstrasse 2.** 2/

Comment: The status of VEB Serumwerk Dessau has been the subject of repeated Government decisions; [redacted] It seems that the change reported here finally settles the status of the enterprise.

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